

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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Brushy Creek Recreation Trails Advisory Board

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Chapter 455A.8, Code of Iowa creates the Brushy Creek Recreation Trails Advisory Board. The purpose of the board is to advise the DNR and Natural Resource Commission regarding issues and recommendations relating to the development and maintenance of the trails and related activities. When first created in 1989, the makeup of the board was as follows:

- DNR Director or the director's designee
- The park ranger responsible for Brushy Creek Recreation Area
- A member of the State Preserves Advisory Board
- A person appointed by the Governor
- Six persons appointed by the legislative council

The legislature amended the Code of Iowa last session authorizing the Natural Resource Commission to appoint the seven members previously appointed by the governor and legislative council. Each person appointed by the Commission must actively participate in recreation trails activities such as hiking, bicycling, an equestrian sport, or winter sport at Brushy Creek. These members serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment.

The following are the current members of the Advisory Board. Their terms have all expired, so re-appointments or new appointments are ideally needed before the next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2008.

Name and Occupation	City of Residence	Occupation	Years of Previous Appointment	Appointed by:	Primary Trails Interest
Donna Christensen	Menlo	Antique Shop Owner	1989 - 2008	Legislative Council	Equestrian
Ruth Nelleson	Carroll	Former County Jailer	1989 - 2008	Legislative Council	Equestrian
Myron Groat	Fort Dodge	Former County Board of Supervisors	1993 - 2008	Legislative Council	All
Kristi Schaaf	Boone	Veterinary Medicine Library	1998 - 2008	Legislative Council	Equestrian
Mike Tinkham	Maxwell	Commercial Construction	1999 - 2008	Legislative Council	Equestrian
Pat Reed	Lehigh	Insurance Agent	1999 - 2008	Legislative Council	All
Tom Bice	Fort Dodge	Attorney	2007 - 2008	Governor Culver	All

The remaining three members specified in the law are currently Deb Lewis (Preserves Advisory Board), Chad Kelchen (Park Manager), and Kevin Szcodronski (DNR Director Designee, State Parks Bureau Chief).

Recommendations for board appointments will be presented at the October 2008 Natural Resource Commission. Length of terms will be recommended in a manner that will set up a system for staggered terms.

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